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LETTER DATED 11 NOVEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters concerning the Kuwaiti side's violations of the cease-fire between Iraq and Kuwait, I wish to inform you of fresh occurrences of Kuwaiti violations, as follows:

1. At 0930 hours on 26 October 1991, two aircraft coming from Kuwaiti airspace violated Iraqi airspace over the Safwan area.

2. At 1310 hours on 2 November 1991, a warplane coming from Kuwaiti airspace in the direction of Safwan at a high altitude and at medium speed violated Iraqi airspace.

3. At 1200 hours on 2 November 1991, the Kuwaiti side's forces abducted a number of Iraqi policemen, whose names are given below and who were working in the border police forces in the demilitarized zone. The abducted men were travelling in an IFA vehicle, carrying rations, on the Rajjah road in the direction of the Iraqi Talhah border control post at geographical coordinate 4332. The Kuwaiti side's forces have sc far not returned them:

(a) Captain Jawad Kazim Safa'

(b) Commissioner Basil Hamid Fajr

(c) Commissioner Sami Mahmud Taha

(d) Commissioner Mubahil Abd al-Majid

(e) Commissioner Salih Jabr Jiyad

(f) Sergeant Ali Huwaydi Muhammad

(g) Sergeant Riyad Zaki Hamzah

(h) Corporal Basil Kazim Hamd

(i) PFC Khudayr Abbas

(j) PFC Adnan Jabbar

(k) PFC Adil Radi Khirrij

(l) PFC Sabah Za'nun

4. On 2 November 1991, the Kuwaiti side's forces abducted Commissioner Halus Mahall Hasan, who was working in the border police forces, as he was travelling from the Talhah control post in the direction of geographical coordinate 3446. They have so far not returned him.

5. At 1715 hours on 3 November 1991, four Kuwaiti naval targets were observed close to Mina al-Bakr. They are still there.

These actions by the Kuwaiti side constitute a clear and unequivocal violation of the cease-fire provisions laid down in Security Council resolution 687 (1991) and in the report of the Secretary-General in which he defined the mandate of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM). They also constitute a blatant challenge to the principles of international law and the United Nations Charter because they infringe on the sovereignty of a State Member of the Organization.

In registering its strong protest at these violations, my Government vehemently condemns the Kuwaiti Government for its forces' violation of Iraqi territorial integrity and sovereignty, which is deemed proof of the insincerity of its intentions with regard to the establishment of peace with Iraq, calls upon it to desist from its violations of the provisions of the cease-fire between the two countries and holds it fully responsible for the safety of the lives of the Iraqi citizens detained by its authorities and for guaranteeing their immediate return to their country, Iraq.

In informing you of these violations, I request you to intervene and to take such adequate and appropriate measures as are dictated by the provisions and principles of the Charter of the Organization to guarantee the return of the Iraqi citizens detained by the Kuwaiti authorities to Iraq, to put a halt to these violations and to prevent any repetition in the future.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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